

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 17-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, and 13 are withdrawn. Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Examiner requires a restriction to one of the following sets of claims:

- I. Claims 1 and 17-23;
- II. Claims 2, 7, and 12; and
- III. Claims 3, 8, and 13.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect invention I, claims 1 and 17-23, without traverse.

Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, and 13, to non-elected inventions II and III, are hereby withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants request that the subject application be considered and the claims allowed.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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